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Title: Regarding heavy loss due to unprecendented rain and cloud brust in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

DR. COL. (RETD.) DHANI RAM SHANDIL (SHIMLA): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I would like to draw the attention of the Government to a very unprecedented fury of rain and cloud burst particularly in the State of Himachal Pradesh. There has been so much loss in the last couple of days that we have reached a tally of 80 human lives today.

Secondly, a very historic and heritage railway line has been damaged to the extent that Koti Railway Station near Parwanu has been totally washed out. सौभाग्यवश हमारे रेल मंत्री, लालू जी भी यहां बैठे हैं, वह स्वयं भी वहां गये थे। उस स्टेशन ने इनका सम्मान किया था। वह स्टेशन आज बिल्कुल खत्म है और पिछले लगभग 15 दिनों से वहां कोई रेल यातायात नहीं हो रहा है।

There are two major implications of this scenario. One is that it is a strategic region. There are military supplies and men to be moved to the Shukkar sector that has been affected very badly. Secondly, this is a peak apple season and the people have to go from the rural areas to the main highway. But those bridges and culverts have been washed away. These two things are very serious. My aggregation to the Government of India is that a minimum of Rs.1000 crore may kindly be given so that we could come out of this very horrid and pathetic situation.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. You have raised the mater very ably.

Shrimati Pratibha Singh associated herself with the matter raised by Dr. Shandil.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I have allowed 22 matters.